NEWS RELEASE
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests

Provo Supervisors Office   Salt Lake Supervisors Office
88 West 100 North   125 South State Street
Provo, Utah 84061   Salt Lake City, Utah 84138

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE   **CONTACT:** Kathy Jo Pollock 801-558-8016

FOREST OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT PRESCRIBED BURN

Provo, Utah, April 20, 2012 – Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest fire personnel plan to conduct a prescribed burn in the Bartholomew Canyon area, Tuesday, April 24, 2012 – Friday, April 27, 2012, if weather and burning conditions allow. The project area is located approximately 7 miles northeast of Springville City. The burn unit will include approximately 380 acres.

The prescribed burn is part of a vegetation project in this area that included mechanical treatment over the last two years within 1500 acres of National Forest System lands.

The oak and maple stands in the Bartholomew Canyon area are mature and decadent. This project would enhance critical habitat for mule deer, moose, elk, mountain goats, and wild turkeys. This project will also help minimize the risk of large-scale wildfires to private landowners, structures, and natural resources within the area, by reducing hazardous fuels accumulation.

The method used for these projects is called "prescribed burning" because the area will only be burned when certain pre-planned conditions exist. Air temperature, relative humidity, fuel moisture, and wind speed and direction are some of the requirements that must be met before burning begins. Prescribed burns will be ignited when fuel moistures and weather forecasts allow for good smoke dispersal away from population centers.

Roads and trails accessing the project will be temporarily closed during the project to protect firefighters and the public. Private landowners will be allowed access to their property. Smoke seen in nearby areas will be within the State's clean air standards.

For additional information contact the Spanish Fork Ranger District at 801-798-3571, or http://fs.usda.gov/uwcnf.

###

Bartholomew Canyon Rx Fire
Temporary Closure Area

National Forest

PROVO

Springville

Mapleton

Spanish Fork

R3E

R4E

T6S

T7S

19

20

21

22

30

29

28

27

35

36

31

32

33

34

2

1

6

5

4

3

11

12

7

8

9

10

14

13

18

17

16

15

23

19

20

21

22

26

25

30

29

755

747

570

244

Legend
- Roads
- Road Closures
- Trail Closure
- Active Ignition
- closure
- Private

0   0.25   0.5   1   1.5   2
Miles